Docket No.: 050099-0355 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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Fukashi MORISHITA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8498

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Application No.: 10/593,275 : Group Art Unit: 2811

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 23, 2009, having a three-month shortened period for response set to expire October 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.